

LUDWIG EDWARD J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LUDWIG EDWARD J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BECTON DICKINSON & CO
[BDX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/03/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY, 1 BECTON DRIVE
(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				(A) or (D)	Price					
				Code	V	Amount				
Common Stock	02/03/2005		M		23,186	A	\$ 24.8125	123,329	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2005		M		3,406	A	\$ 29.3438	126,735	D	
Common Stock	02/03/2005		S		23,186	D	\$ 59.4	103,549	D	
Common Stock								23,131 ⁽¹⁾	I	SIP Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.8125	02/03/2005		M	23,186	01/27/1997 ⁽²⁾ 01/27/2007	Common Stock	23,186
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.3438	02/03/2005		M	3,406	01/26/1998 ⁽³⁾ 01/26/2008	Common Stock	3,406

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LUDWIG EDWARD J C/O BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY 1 BECTON DRIVE FRANKLIN LAKES, NJ 07417	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

Patricia Walesiewicz, by power of attorney for Edward J. Ludwig
02/04/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
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Represents shares of common stock held under the Becton, Dickinson and Company Savings Incentive Plan (the "SIP"). The information presented for the SIP is as of January 31, 2005.

(2) The option became 50% exercisable on January 27, 1999 and fully exercisable on January 27, 2000.

(3) The option became 50% exercisable on January 26, 2000 and fully exercisable on January 26, 2001.

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